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THE KING OF SNOW.

December comes, and he, the King of Snow,
Now rules where reigned the flowers' lovely queen;
He laughs with quiet mirth to hear them blow,
December's lusty winds, so bold of mien;
Unmindful of those winds, their boasts of power,
The silent snowflakes lay so white a trail
From roof to roof, that e'en in darkest hour,
St. Nick can guide his reindeer through the gale.
Cincinnati, O. M. E. Van Zandt.

ABUTILON HYBRIDS.

THESE are only a few plants that are well adapted for winter-blooming in the amateur's window, and near the head of the list are the Abutilon Hybrids.

These plants are an improvement on the old-fashioned kinds of Abutilon, growing more dwarf and bushy, blooming more freely and making a handsomer display. The flowers are large and varied in colors, produced on long, slender stems which give them a drooping and graceful appearance. The colors are pure white, rose, bright scarlet, golden yellow and sulphur yellow, and some are light flesh color with dark veins. Some varieties show beautifully variegated foliage, either green and white or green and yellow, the variegation appearing at the margin of the leaves, and in some varieties the leaves are blotched in a picturesque manner.

To bloom well in winter the plants should be started during the summer and encouraged to make a vigorous, bushy growth. They are easily started from cuttings placed in sand. When rooted they should be potted in small pots first and shifted into larger pots as they develop. By shifting during summer, few flower-buds will form and the plants become strong, healthy and in good condition for blooming during winter. A five-inch pot will accommodate a good-sized plant, which will bloom abundantly throughout the winter months, if given a favorable place in the plant window. The plants like considerable sunlight, but will bloom if they have an eastern exposure, so that they will get a few of the morning sunrays. Any rich soil that will grow a Geranium will suit the Abutilon.



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In the Editor's greenhouses is a plant of the Royal Scarlet Abutilon bedded in the ground in the coolest part. This plant is six feet or more high, bushy, and is always in bloom. Sometimes during severe nights the temperature is almost the frost line, but this plant does not mind the cold, but continues to develop its buds and flowers.

Other varieties are equally as valuable, and a collection of

these beautiful Abutilons is always a source of pleasure to both the professional and the amateur gardener.

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Pruning India Rubber.—A young, well-foliaged plant of India Rubber grown as a single stem is handsome until it becomes inconvenient, and many persons prefer the plant grown this way. If, however, a bushy plant is wanted, cut the top off at the height you wish the bush to form, and a number of branches will shoot out clothed with leaves, and you will have a beautiful little tree of leathery foliage. Such a plant, when in an active state, is enhanced in beauty by the young leaves that are developing, as these are at first of a pleasing carmine-red color. If the branches are not as numerous as you would like, tie them down and branches will spring up from the dormant buds at the leaf axils, thus making the top more dense and bushy.

Plants and Gas.—Where gas is used for light and fuel it is often difficult to grow flowers in the room. A few of the kinds less susceptible to the poison should be used, such as *Aspidistra Lurida* and others. It is always well in every living and plant room to have open pans of water upon the register or radiator to supply moisture to the atmosphere and promote the health of plants as well as people. Where the air is so charged that plants will not live it is unhealthy to be breathed by the inmates, and some means should be provided to introduce fresh air and expel the poisonous air with which the room atmosphere is charged, otherwise you may not only find it necessary to call in a doctor, but eventually the undertaker.

Removing Ever-Blooming Roses.—South of Washington the most hardy of ever-blooming Roses can be removed any time before the ground freezes. In such cases set the plants and heel in solidly the pulverized earth around the roots. After planting place an open-end box around each plant or around the bed, and fill in carefully and thickly with leafless brush. Do not use any leaves. As a rule, it is better to set such Roses out, at least during mid-summer, so that they may become well established before winter sets in. These Roses, however, can be re-set late in the season as suggested. If possible place a quantity of coal ashes around each plant before the brush is applied.

BEGONIA AND RED SPIDER.

THE BEGONIA is almost free from enemies, and it is rarely that a complaint is made which indicates the presence of a pest. The following letter, however, describes very plainly the work of the red spider, and reads as follows:

Mr. Editor:—Will you please tell me what causes the foliage of my *Begonia Luminosa* to curl and turn grayish in color? I have repotted it and have put it in a shady place. It looks somewhat better, but is not healthy yet.—Mrs. S., Kirvin, Tex.



If the inquirer will examine carefully the underside of the leaves she will find the surface infested with an almost invisible web, and a number of enemies about the size of a *Begonia* seed, scarcely visible to the naked eye. They are of a species of mite usually known as red spider. They get their substance from the juice of the leaves, and when they become very numerous the leaves curl down and turn gray in color, finally drying and dropping off. Where a plant is badly infested the best thing to do is to remove and burn the foliage, and sponge the remaining stems and leaves with soap suds to which has been added a little kerosene oil. The material should be emulsified so that the oil will get mixed with the suds, otherwise it is liable to injure the leaves. A prevention of this troublesome pest is to spray the plants frequently with pure water. This will be of benefit to the foliage as well as rid it of insects that may be lurking about. If the water is thrown with considerable force, it will dash the enemy away as well as cleanse the foliage of any particles of dust or dirt that may have collected.

Transplanting Columbine.—Columbine plants are easily transplanted, but at the North the work should not be done late in the season, otherwise they will be thrown out and ruined. They suffer from too much moisture about the roots, and where there is a ledge or bank that can be beautified it is just the place for planting them. If the plants are not large enough to set out early in the season, do not transplant until the following season after the blooming period has passed.

THREE FINE SPIREAS.

THERE ARE three very beautiful, shrubby Spireas that should be in general cultivation. The earliest to bloom is the well-known Bridal Wreath, *Spirea prunifolia*, the flowers very double, pure white and produced in clusters along the slender branches. The plant grows erect and reaches the height of six or eight feet.

The second is *Spirea Van Houtte*, a specimen of which is shown in the engraving, taken from a photograph sent by Mrs. Klipp, of Rochester. As indicated, the plant grows seven feet high, the slender branches arching gracefully, and thickly set with clusters of single flowers. With the photograph came this note from Mrs. Klipp:

"Mr. Editor:—I am sending you a picture of my blooming shrub, *Spirea Van Houtte*, grown from a little plant received by mail it was just beautiful this year. Your humble servant stands beside it. I am never far away from my handsome blooming plants. My garden is 'just alive' with flowers. I feast upon them every spare minute. This *Spirea* is so attractive that I hope you can give the picture a place in the Magazine.—Mrs. K."

The third is *Spirea Reevesii* fl. pl. The shrub grows five feet high, and comes into bloom just as *Spirea Van Houtte* fades. The flowers are pure white, very double, and produced in great abundance in big fleecy clusters, so that the bush becomes like a cloud of snow, and the flowers last much longer in perfection than do those of *Spirea Van Houtte*.

These fine Spireas are of easy culture, have no enemies, and are sure to bloom freely every year. They should have a place in every garden of flowers.

Rose Geranium.—Plants of Rose Geranium do well in a well-drained sunny situation during summer. In winter they should have a sunny window and be moderately watered. They like a rather warm, moist atmosphere.

IMPROVING A LAWN.

WHERE A LAWN has depreciated by time and weeds and poverty of the soil, it can be improved by raking carefully over the surface with a small iron-toothed rake, removing such weeds as may appear, and then applying a coat of pulverized sheep manure, or even horse manure, raking it well into the soil. When this is done, sow a liberal quantity of pure Kentucky

Blue Grass, in which a small amount of White Dutch Clover has been incorporated. If the sowing is done before a rain, the seeds will be carried deep enough into the soil and will soon germinate. If the ground should be dry after sowing, the seeds may not come up for several weeks, or even several months. Perhaps the best time to effect this improvement is during the autumn about the time the rains begin. In the South, however, the cultural period may be deferred, if necessary, until after New Year. In the far South Blue Grass is practically a failure for lawn purposes. In Florida there is a dwarf native grass which seems well suited for lawn purposes, and also a grass known as St. Augustine grass and St. Lucy grass. These grasses are not started from seeds, but dibbled in before a rainy season, and allowed to stool out and cover the ground. The Bermuda grass is also used more or less.

At certain times of

the year this grass is admirable, but there are other times that it is an eye-sore rather than an ornament.

Asters "Blasting."—A very frequent cause of Asters blasting just when they begin to bloom is the presence of root-lice at the roots. Where there is danger of blight, excavate around each plant and place a handful of chopped tobacco stems over the roots. Be careful not to injure the roots in digging about the plant.



THREE FINE SPIREAS.

STARTING SEEDLING ASPARAGUS.

ASPARAGUS SEEDS require from thirty days to three months to germinate, largely according to the age of the seeds.

If sown as soon as ripe, they will start in less than thirty days. They will, however, show a good record even when the seeds are two or three years old, if the soil is kept constantly moist, not wet, and attention paid to sunlight and temperature. Ordinarily, plants will start in from 35 to 40 days, and the seeds should not be condemned until they are given sufficient time for germination. Even the vegetable Asparagus germinates tardily according to age. Often the germinating period can be greatly advanced by soaking the seeds. Seeds that have been condemned as worthless have

been found to show from 80 to 90 percent. of plants after they have been soaked for two weeks or more in ordinary water. As soon as the seeds exhibit signs of life they should be taken out and sown in sandy soil, covering about one-eighth of an inch deep, and keeping the vessel or flat in a favorable temperature and in a shady situation. When the little seedlings have practically all appeared, gradually move them into the sunlight until they have almost a full exposure to the sun. In a short time the little seedlings can be removed and potted or transplanted, if desired.

Castor Beans.—The ordinary Castor Oil Bean delights in a sunny exposure and a deep, sandy soil. Plants will often make a



nice growth in almost pure sand, as various groups seen in the sunny, sandy plains of the South will attest. The various showy varieties are much used in many dry, hot countries where the soil is almost pure sand, and they are a means of beautifying the grounds, as well as affording shade to the homes where they are grown. In Florida and Southern California, as well as in Mexico, the plants are hardy perennials, and it is not uncommon to see a plant twenty feet high and having a trunk from eight to ten inches in diameter. In hot, arid regions where scarcely anything else will grow, the Castor Bean will thrive and produce shade and wood for the inhabitants, and thus has a place in the economy of Nature which can hardly be filled by any other seedling plant.

LANTANAS FROM SEEDS.

THE LANTANA is not difficult to grow from seeds if the seeds are planted as soon as ripe. The covering of the germs, of which each seed contains several, after the fashion of the beet seed, is hard and horny, and if age has vitiated the germs, they do not have sufficient strength to push up plants. As a rule, it is advisable for the amateur florist to sow Lantana seeds in a moist place and see that the ground does not dry out until autumn, or until the plants appear. When several plantlets spring from one nutlet they can be divided and potted or planted separately.



The seedling plants are always vigorous and healthy and where the florist's efforts are attended by success he will be able to raise a nice group of ever-blooming plants for the next summer's bed. They like a sunny situation and good soil. The dwarf varieties are preferable for bedding, and the tall plants for growing as single specimens. At Palatka, Florida, and further south, Lantanas are hardy, and are used very successfully for bedding, even in winter time. Last February, at Palatka, I saw a bed of the Creeping Lantana that was a mass of lovely lilac flowers, the bed eliciting the admiration and praise of all who passed.

Planting Pæonies.—Pæony roots always form a bud in autumn for the next season of its growth. If the plants are lifted, the roots divided, leaving one eye to each root, and planted any time before the ground freezes, they will endure the winter, and if the root is large enough the sprout will develop one or more



flowers during the following season. In planting allow the bud to be just at or near the surface of the ground, let the root stand vertical and press the pulverized earth well around it. Use the heel to do the pressing, as it is important that the earth be very firm. There is no danger of making it too firm. This is true in planting all kinds of perennials and biennials in autumn, as well as trees and shrubs. It is better where possible to transplant Pæonies during August and September, but if the work has been delayed, it can still be done, provided the earth has not frozen. As a rule, but few flowers are produced the following season, but if the plants become established and stool out, each bud will form a handsome clump that will increase in beauty for five or six years. Chinese Pæonies are benefited by enriching the soil with a mulch of stable litter before the ground freezes up.

A ROSE ARCH.

THE ILLUSTRATION of an Arch of Rambler Roses which adorns this page was made from a photograph sent by a subscriber, Mrs. Bradley, and accompanied by the following note:

"Mr. Editor:—The enclosed photograph gives a view of the Arch of Roses as seen from the front porch of our home. It is composed entirely of Rambler Roses, and when they are in full bloom it is the most attractive and beautiful floral object I have ever seen. The colors are crimson and rose, the former being Philadelphia and the latter Lady Gay. The borders beneath are made up chiefly of Standard Tea and Hybrids, of which we have twenty or more varieties. As indicated, the arch is high and massive, and the innumerable huge rose clusters seen against the wealth of foliage makes a display that cannot be described."
—Mrs. Bradley."

A Rose Arch is truly a thing of beauty during the month of Roses, and it is to be regretted that the blooming period is so short. It can, however, be made bright throughout summer and autumn by setting at each side plants of the day-blooming *Ipomœa grandiflora*. These will soon encircle the arch, and the rich blue flower clusters will afford a display almost if not entirely equal to that of the Roses.

About Dahlias.—Dahlias like a sunny situation and very sandy soil, as is evident from the masses of bloom which appear in autumn at the Nurseries of R. Vincent, Jr., & Sons, White Marsh, Md. They are Dahlia growers, and their success in producing handsome flowers and quantities of them makes enthusiasts want to grow every variety they see in their fields. It is true they give good culture and fertilizer there, but the soil and situation evidently have the leading claim to the cause of their success. We can only imitate the situation by giving a sunny place, and the soil by incorporating it very liberally with pure sand.

LAVENDER.

THE NEW and pretty *Lavendula Pinnata* will bloom handsomely the first season, the flowers being of a pleasing blue and appearing in showy spikes. The old-fashioned Lavender, *Lavendula vera*, will usually not bloom until the second season, and the plants should be started early in the spring to be ready to bloom the following year. The latter is entirely hardy in a sandy, well-drained soil, and does not need protection. When grown in a rockery, as I saw it in Glasnevin Botanic Gardens, it is an exceedingly

showy and attractive blooming plant, and is deserving of cultivation for its flowers alone. Both of these species of Lavender are easily propagated from seeds, but the seeds do not germinate as promptly as seeds of some plants, and it requires patience to raise the seedlings. Many persons discard the seed bed before the seeds have had time to germinate. If soaked in warm water for a day or two before planting, it is possible they would germinate more readily.

Fern Runners.—A subscriber in Kansas wishes to know what is

the meaning of the runners that creep over the soil of her Boston Fern, and how she should treat them. The Boston Fern is propagated by this means, just as the Strawberries throw out runners and form little plants some distance from the old plant. These runners can be cut off when they appear, or they can be allowed to grow and develop small Fern plants, and by giving these little plants some encouragement in the way of soil and attention, they will soon become established and throw out handsome fronds. If you wish a large Boston Fern plant, shift your plant into a larger vessel as it grows and encourage these young plants to start around the margin. Thus, by shifting from time to time, you will have a large, showy, well-fronded plant of which you will be proud.



A ROSE ARCH.

FLORAL NOTES.

Coleus.—Mr. Park: Last year my little daughter's teacher gave her three little cuttings of Coleus. We kept them through the winter, bedded them out in summer, and now we have two dishpans full to bring in. I am going to try to keep the plants over winter in a sunny cellar. Mrs. V. W. Smith.

Gallatin Co., Ill., Oct. 16, 1915.

Alyssum.—Mr. Park: I have a plant of Sweet Alyssum which has been blooming for more than a year. I kept the plant in the house last winter. It is from seeds I purchased. Mrs. Ida L. Bright.

Jackson Co., Ark., Oct. 23, 1915.

Eschscholtzia.—Mr. Park: I believe the prettiest yellow annual is the California Poppy. The satiny texture is unsurpassed by anything else I know, and its ease of growth makes it an ideal one for the many people who cannot coax and pet the rarer flowers.

Miss Blanche Proudft.

Washington Co., Pa., Oct. 21, 1915.

Diascia Barberæ.—Mr. Park: An entirely new plant with me is *Diascia Barberæ*. Seeds planted in May brought blossoms in August, and the pretty, little, deep pink flowers were so dainty against the fine cut, light green foliage. Not wishing to lose any such beauty during the winter I have filled a hanging basket with it, and the graceful, drooping plants give promise of great beauty during the cold months. Mae.

Easton Co., Mich., Oct. 21, 1915.

Zinnias.—Mr. Park: I had better luck with my Zinnias than anyone else in our neighborhood. I planted them in a sunny place, in a rich loam, setting them a foot apart, as they spread out as they grow, and if too close together the blooms will not develop to their full size. They grow as high as four feet and have beautiful flowers: I set the plants out about May 1st, and they bloom till the middle of October, or until the frost hits them. They must be planted every year. The colors are red, pink, scarlet, crimson, yellow, orange, white, and a light shade of brown. A bed of these flowers is a source of pleasure to all who see it. Sarah Gillespie.

Nodaway Co., Mo., Oct. 22, 1915.

Moonflower.—Mr. Park: Everybody wishing a beautiful vine should try Moonflower. I started the seeds in the house the 1st of March, and as soon as all danger of frost was over transplanted them outdoors, around my porch. And the way they did grow and bloom is simply wonderful. Mine always bloom until every thing else in the way of a flower is gone. Their fragrance is equal to a Honeysuckle bloom.

Mrs. Albert Miller.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 19, 1915.

Gladiolus.—Mr. Park: I wonder if all flower lovers know how rapidly *Gladiolus* will multiply? When I took up my bulbs this fall I found some that had more than a dozen tiny bulblets clustered around them. In two years these will be of blooming size, if well cared for, and what a show place of *Gladiolus* I shall have. I always save every bulblet.

Blue Earth Co., Minn., Oct. 19, 1915. Rebel.

White Petunias.—Mr. Park: Do you know that white *Petunias* planted in a bed near the porch where the family sits in the evening, are among the sweetest scented flowers we have, and they show up so pretty at night. They bloom from early summer till freezing weather, too, making a fine display throughout the hot, dry summer as well as later. Mrs. Willie Wallace.

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 18, 1915.

Perennial Pea.—Mr. Park: I think I never saw anything nicer to cover a fence, or for a low screen, than the *Perennial Pea*. If the white and pink are set alternately they will mingle, so it seems that each plant bears both colors; and if the old flowers are kept picked, they will keep flowering nearly all summer. I think they are fine for bouquets. Josephine Wood.

Saginaw Co., Mich., Oct. 14, 1915.

Pinks in Florida.—Mr. Park: I have an odd way of growing Pinks in Florida. I have the borders of my flower beds marked



out by rocks of a coralline nature, then I placed seeds or seedlings between them, and the rocks hold them up. I have some lovely double ones, and very pretty Pico-

tees. As the seeds ripen they are put in a vacant crack, and so I have them flowering all the year round. Insects don't seem to trouble them, and they respond to liquid fertilizer.

Mrs. W. J. Nesbitt.

Dade Co., Fla., Oct. 20, 1915.

Pansy.—Mr. Park: My Pansy bed this year was the admiration of all who saw it. The plants began to bloom in March, and kept on blooming notwithstanding there was several inches of snow April 1st. I had almost every color, and the plants bloomed all summer. Mrs. W. J. Hall.

Hallwood, Va., Sept. 9, 1915.

Amaryllis Johnsonii.—Mr. Park: I have about 15 bulbs of *Amaryllis* in a wooden candy pail, and last winter I had it at a south window, and how the plants did bloom! At one time I counted 38 fresh open blossoms. Each stalk bore from three to five blooms. It was a great sight, those large reddish blooms, and just outside the window snow and ice. Summers we set the pail out on an east porch, and water only as it gets very dry.

Clare Co., Mich.

Laura Hyslop.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

WHILE THEY are still in the barbaric glory of their rare bloom I want to tell your readers about my Chrysanthemums, may I, please? I love these dear brave flowers blooming amid the frosts and sleets of autumn better than all other flowers, and would like to see each and every flower lover growing them. And indeed more would be grown, I am sure, were it generally understood how easy of culture even the large 'mums are. To have best success with the tender show 'mums good plants should be secured as early in spring as possible, each plant being set in a pot or box of good soil by itself. It is never wise to crowd four or five plants in one pot or box. I prefer wooden boxes about a foot square and eight inches deep to earthen pots, for the 'mum roots

Among the larger pot or show 'mums my favorites this year are: Col D. Appleton, a lovely deep golden yellow, and as large as a saucer, of fine form and substance; Naomi, a grand white, Pacific Supreme, a splendid new pink, blooming quite early and very large; Black Hawk, not extra large, but a wonderful rich, deep, dark crimson-maroon, which always attracts and holds attention. Then I have a gorgeous Japanese 'mum, nameless as far as I know, which is simply too beautiful for words to describe; of a delicate waxen lavender or lilac color, its petals are twisted and twined in all directions, and it seems truly a flower of another world than ours. I have never seen any 'mum like it either listed by seedsmen or at shows. I have grown many other large flowered 'mums, but these named never fail to give perfect satisfaction.



AUTUMN CHRYSANTHEMUMS

seem to "spread out" rather than "run deep" into the soil. Personally I prefer also to set my plants when received at once into the boxes in which they are to bloom. I am usually too busy to shift as often as required when treated as florists advise. The best potting soil I have found so far is a compost of good, sandy garden soil, well-rotted fertilizer from the cow stable and leaf mould, equal parts. Sunshine and plenty of water are essential to the growth of good 'mums; my plants are kept on the south side of the house during summer and watered every evening without fail, unless a kindly rain has watered them for me during the day. A drink of liquid fertilizer is also advisable, given once a week until the buds show color, all but one bud to each stem must be removed, if large flowers of finest form are wished.

I love the hardy garden 'mums too, but mine were lost when my garden was flooded last June, and covered with sand. Among the hardy 'mums my favorites were the small English sorts, the little old-fashioned things our grandmothers knew and loved; they are so richly fragrant, so sure to bloom, why have they become so scarce? I would give almost any price to replace the collection I owned a year ago of these dwarf baby 'mums; it might freeze and even snow, they bloomed bravely on to grace the Thanksgiving feast.

Surely there must be, in the great family of flower loving Park's Magazine readers, some others who worship Chrysanthemums as I do, and I certainly hope they will write. This splendid class of flowers, both hardy Pompons and tender show sorts, should be more widely grown.

M. E. Humphreys.

Carpenter, O., Nov. 15, 1915.

CHRYSANTHEMUM.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS are easily raised from seeds, and will bloom the first year if sown in March or early April. The new kinds are raised this way. Plants may also be raised from cuttings or by root division. There are two methods of growing them. Seeds or cuttings can be planted in the open ground, or started in the house and planted out into the open as early as the weather will permit, grown steadily on to the blooming period; or the plants can be first potted in small two- or three-inch pots, shifted on to larger pots, as often as the ball of earth



becomes matted around by healthy white working roots, until about September or October, when they will require a 7- or 8-inch size pot, and are ready for blooming. As the buds begin to form, give frequent weak doses of manure (preferably cow). If extra large flowers are

desired, pinch off all buds as soon as seen, except the center or the most promising one, and you will have flowers such as are seen at exhibitions, often measuring from six to eight inches in diameter. If bushy plants are desired, the growth should be regularly "topped" or pinched back, but no later than August, if early flowers are desired, and not later than September 1st, for late bloomers. A good dressing of cow or horse manure will be found very beneficial during the hot summer months. Chrysanthemums require a rich, mellow soil, with lots of water, and plenty of sunshine, in order to do their best. Richmond, Va. Alvin McAuley.

Dahlias.—In our back yard we dug up a bed 18 feet square, which was once, in years gone by, an old wood-pile and chip-heap. In this we planted Dahlias, the beautiful Arabellas, and a red-tipped-with-white variety, of which I do not know the name. In front of these we put two rows of Gladiolus bulbs. That was a bed worth looking at. The Dahlias grew about five feet high, almost as tall as myself, and such great big fat blooms! They were much admired.



The pail in which went water from the hand basin, tea and coffee grounds, dirty wash water, and such, was always emptied upon the Dahlia bed, and there was no unsightliness, as the Dahlias grew so dense they hid the ground. We always thought this was one reason of our splendid success with them.

Miss Laura Hyslop.
Clare Co., Mich., Oct. 13, 1915.

GYPSOPHILA.

THE VARIOUS kinds of Gypsophila or Baby Breath, are indispensable for making bouquets. We have several varieties, both annual and perennial, and all are worthy of cultivation. Indeed, I find if I wish to have it at all during the summer I must plant all varieties, though the perennial varieties are the most valuable for cutting. Sweet Peas, beautiful in themselves, are much prettier when seen through a cloud of Gypsophila, and sell much more readily. The annual varieties grow so rapidly one can have them for use with Tulips and other early flowers. The dainty little flowers poised on slender stems enhance the beauty of most flowers, and also help out when blossoms are scarce.



Margaret M. Mann.

Boulder Co., Colo., Sept. 2, 1915.

Mourning Bride.—The picture of these flowers (*Scabiosa*) attracted my attention, as I had never seen them grow. I planted the seeds in open ground, and only a few plants came up. Of the three colors, dark red, pink and lavender, we have a continual mass of bloom. Now, when most of the flowers are frozen, they are as beautiful as ever. Mrs. A. E. Shipley.
Cache Co., Utah, Oct. 25, 1915.

Canterbury Bell.—I often wonder why the Canterbury Bell is so little known. I always admired and loved the flowers when they grew in my grandmother's garden, and some years ago I bought two packages of the seeds of the improved sorts, and raised some plants, and I never saw anything so beautiful. I have all of the rich purple shades, besides the pure waxy white and pink. They have bloomed all summer, and are still in bloom.

Mrs. A. Bradshaw.

Jerseyville, Ont., Oct. 25, 1915.

Buttercup Oxalis.—I have good luck with Bermuda Buttercup Oxalis. The plants grow more beautiful each year. After blooming I set the pots away without disturbing the bulbs, and the next July they begin to grow, even if not watered. When growing they love water, and will bloom all winter.

Phillips Co., Kas. Mrs. Mary C. Ritter.

ROSES FOR THE SOUTH.

THE ROSE is one of the most satisfactory flowers for the South. Who does not admire the Rose with its exquisite coloring and delightful perfume? Once planted it lives for years, even without attention, though no flower responds to careful cultivation more quickly than the Rose. Here the Teas and the Hybrid Teas grow to be almost trees and have to be pruned severely to keep them within bounds.

The Hybrid-Perpetuals have never done as well for me as the Teas and the Hybrid-Teas. The Hybrid-Perpetuals do not make the growth the others make, but the flowers are so much larger.

Roses planted in the fall and winter do best. They make good root growth during the cool weather and are better able to stand the hot summers than when planted in the spring. A soil that has some clay seems to suit them better than one too loose and loamy, and with a good top dressing of rotted manure and good, rich soil they make splendid growth. I always buy the small sized plants. The prices usually range from ten to thirty cents each, according to the newness of the variety. The little plants grow to be good sized bushes the first year, and will bloom several times, though the bloom will not be so large as it will be in years to come. After the first year they are "off," and you can expect Roses from them for many years. If you want fine, large Roses, you must prune, and prune vigorously. I prefer to prune in January or early February. I do not care for December pruning, for often when they are pruned too early a severe freeze, and we sometimes have them here, will cause the plant to be killed back six or eight inches, and if you have pruned them as they should be, this sometimes causes the plant to die. I usually prune mine to eighteen inches from the ground, some where the wood is very large to two feet. The Teas and Hybrid-Teas require more or less pruning all during the growing season.

The Cochet Roses and William R. Smith, and Etoile de Lyon are the hardest to keep

back, the wood being often too large for the shears and we have to use a saw. After they are pruned and all dead wood removed, I give a good top dressing of rotted manure, then my Roses are ready to start off in the spring.

The Teas and Hybrid-Teas are my favorite. Of the teas, the Cochets, William Smith and Lady Hillingdon are especially good. Of the Hybrid-Teas there is such a host of good ones it is hard to pick the best. Caroline Testout and My Maryland in pink; Laurent Carle, Rhea Reid, Etoile de France, Edward Mawley in red; Kaiserin Augusta Victoria and Bessie Brown in white; Mrs. Ward, Mme. Melanie, Soupert, Sunburst in yellow. There are many of the varieties of intermediate coloring and

blendings of pink, yellow and orange; of these, Mme. Leon Pain is especially beautiful. All the varieties mentioned are good and will not disappoint you in size and coloring.

I have many roses and am constantly buying new ones. Of the Climbers, of course the Ramblers are hardy everywhere. Hiawatha, Dorothy Perkins and American Pillar are good. The climbing ever-bloomers are beautiful; they bloom more freely than the ramblers, but are not so hardy, and if you live where it can be grown, have a Marshal Neil by all means; the flowers are truly "lumps of gold," and oh, such fragrance! Always prune climbers after they are through blooming in the spring — remember,

they always bloom on the previous year's growth. Don't forget the little baby Ramblers or dwarf Polyanthas. Get one or two. The Red Baby Rambler is a good bloomer.

When you stop and think how easily the Rose grows here, what little attention they demand, and what beautiful blooms they give you, everybody in the South should plant them lavishly. Don't be satisfied with the common kind that everybody has, get some of the newer ones, they are worth the effort and price. If you cannot buy them, get cuttings, they root readily. I give hundreds of cuttings away every year. I am always glad to give them. Let us have Roses, finer Roses than ever before.

C. I. T.

Jefferson Co., Miss., Nov. 6, 1915.



THE NEW HIAWATHA ROSE.

GROWING GLADIOLUS.

I HAVE RECEIVED a number of letters in regard to growing Gladiolus, and hope this article will answer all inquiries.

Where flowers are grown for the cut flower trade none is more satisfactory than the Gladiolus. This is true not only because of their popularity and ready sale, but because of the ease with which they are grown. They respond to good care with finer flowers, but will yield an abundance of flowers with indifferent care. It always pays, however, to give any flower the best of culture.

In preparing the ground deep spading and liberal enrichment will make after culture easier. For any kind of bulb manure should be well rotted, or if it is necessary to use fresh manure, a liberal use of sand in the row



BULBLETS. BULB. FLOWER. SPIKES.

beneath and over the bulb will keep the manure from coming in contact with the bulb, and prevent rotting.

Two years ago I purchased some mixed bulbs, and I never saw finer Gladiolus spikes than I raised from them. Fully one-half were Americas, and the balance nearly all fine varieties. No better Gladiolus bulbs could be desired.

Having procured the bulbs in February or March I start some sprouting for the earliest blooms in the house. The last of April all can be planted. Oct. 11th I have stalks of buds on my bed, and I have been cutting three months. I made one planting, April 15th.

I rowed my ground one foot apart and six to eight inches, according to the size of the bulbs. Next year I shall plant a little deeper. They need no staking if planted deep. Once planted, clean culture is all they need.

For market cut when the first two or three blossoms are out, and place in water in a cool cellar for at least a day. They come out fine, and will last longer. Gladiolus will open every bud to the very tip, often lasting as a cut flower for two weeks.

In the fall do not dig until leaves begin to turn brown, and do not cut off the tops until thoroughly dry. I dig and put in gunny sacks, with the tops on, and hang in a dry, warm place, when I can care for them at my leisure. Later I separate the bulbs, keeping them in sacks in a dry, warm cellar. The bulblets I save and plant. Some of last year's bulblets have tiny stalks of bloom, and all will be blooming bulbs next year. I planted right outdoors in a trench, and they came up fine.

In Colorado Gladiolus bear a good crop of seeds. As new varieties are secured from seeds I am watching my little seedlings with much interest. They have made nice little bulbs in only one season. Many growers in Colorado are covering their Gladiolus beds with straw, and the bulbs winter fine. I prefer to lift mine and have the ground re-plowed each year.

In buying bulbs to raise cut flowers not fewer than 500 should be ordered. The cost is not great, and one could not sell from less. One or two thousand would be better. The bulbs increase so rapidly there will soon be bulbs to sell from the lot, and one soon builds up a market for bulbs if their flowers are first-class.

The Gladiolus has no insect enemies with me. Poor drainage or fresh manure in contact with the bulbs will cause rot. The America Gladiolus is my best seller. Some prefer Princeps. I shall also plant largely of white ones next year. I have not yet decided on the variety.

Margaret M. Mann.

Boulder Co., Colo., Sept. 2, 1915.

Acanthus Mollis Latifolius.

The 23th of April I planted 15 seeds of Acanthus Mollis Latifolius, and in a short time I found as many as eight chunky plants, and for one I charged fifty cents. I was, however, disappointed to find that those wonderful, shiny leaves were not full-grown before frost cut them down this fall. The neighbors, like myself, are most anxious to see them mature and bloom. Even though they did not have the fine white blooms or scapes, I would purchase them for the clean foliage effect. And the best of it is, they are perennial. I wish there were more of the heavy foliage plants that were perennial. Kindly mention through the Magazine other plants of like character. About the only flowers I care for are those on scapes, but I do not wish to grow them in the house.

Jessie Lundberg.

Mercer Co., Ill., Oct. 20, 1915.

Winterblooming.—I like Snapdragons, and have every color of them you can name. They bloom well in the garden, and if grown in pots and placed in the plant window they will bloom all winter. Calliopsis, Gaillardia, Morning Glory, Phlox, Portulaca and Marigolds will also bloom in winter in the window.

Mrs. M. Ritter.

Phillips Co., Kas.

CARE OF DAHLIAS.

DAHLIAS are a favorite with me, and if you could see mine now you would think so. I have never had better ones.

I dig the clumps in the autumn after frost, and store them away in our cellar where it is a nice temperature for them. I plant my Dahlias later than most people here, because I like to have them later, when there are not so many varieties in bloom as there are in summer. So the latter part of May or the first of June I have them well started in a heavy loam and clay, with plenty of barnyard fertilizer used in the planting, which I do in this manner: I take a plow and make a deep trench where I wish to plant them and fill that half full of manure, well rotted; then I put a little dirt over the manure, so the tuber will not rest directly on it, but so the roots will penetrate it almost as soon as started. Then I cover the bulbs up with a layer of earth to a depth of four inches. Soon the shoots appear, and cultivation begins, which is done all the time.

I have some fine blooms now. I can pick a large bouquet every day, and have been

doing so for three weeks or more, and expect to have flowers till frost overtakes them. Every year I have a new shade. This year my shade is a very light buff. I suppose this is caused by some mixing with another flower Dahlia of different shade. I enjoy doing that.

I have some Dahlias that are beauties, and I am proud of my row of Dahlias in our garden. I get them plenty of water, and they are very healthy-looking plants, and certainly repay me for my labor; and, best of all, I have them while some others here are all gone.

I plant only bulbs which are a medium size, not too small, and only the solid ones, as they are the ones which give me best results.

I never separate a cluster of bulbs till I am ready to plant them, so when I prepare them for their winter's rest I simply cut the top stalk off to within a foot of the cluster, and leave them alone till the following spring. Then I put one in a place, and 18 or 20 inches apart, and I certainly have a hedge of pretty flowers.

Ella B. Schooley.

Allentown, N. J.

PANCRATIUM MARITIMUM.

SPANISH LILY, Cup Lily and Spider Lily are the common names of this purest white of all the Amaryllis family. It is curious and lovely in construction. The perianth is divided into six narrow, lanceolate, three-inch-long parts, that spread out from under the twelve-pointed cup. The six stamens are attached to every other point, and the one pistil stands straight up in the center. All the parts are white and of waxy texture. Even the stems are white. The only suggestion of color is the gold that tips the stamens and pistil. The bulb sends up large hollow stalks about two feet high, and from ten to twenty flowers are borne by each one. The flowers open, one or several at a time.

How beautiful this Lily is when the stalks are cut and inserted in water. One stalk, morning after morning, has been brought to

me, as a present, for six weeks. Sometimes two, three or four Lilies would be open. The next morning they would be drooping, and as many more open, again and again, until the last bud had flowered. One stalk furnished fresh Lilies every morning for two weeks. and the others more or less, according to number of



A VASE FULL OF DAHLIAS.

buds. *Pancratiums* (*Hymenocallis*) are so abundant in the deltas, savannahs, bayous and marshes of the South, and bordering lakes and rivers are so profuse that it never occurred to me to cultivate them. Hereafter I will sound the praises of this fragrant, snow-white Lily to furnish choice cut flowers, summer and winter. It can be utilized in two ways, cut. The stalks, as described above, and the separate Lily with pure white stem three inches long, are available for cut flower purposes. The individual Lily on its own stem, cut, and placed in water, lasts 24 hours longer than when on the stalk, dependent for the secondary supply of water.

The bulbs are very hardy and free. Lake Ponchartrain and Bayou St. John, as well as every other approach to New Orleans, and all the waterways of Louisiana are densely set with *Pancratiums*. The long strap-like leaves are evergreen. Taken up and potted, they are so hardy, no doubt they would continue their autumn-flowering on through the winter. They bloom from April to winter in their native habitat.

Mrs. G. T. Drennan.

New Orleans, La.

FLORAL POETRY.

TALE OF THE YEAR.

I came when January held
The frail sweet flowers at bay.
The old Pines cried
"Abide! Abide!"
But I hastened on my way.

I brought chill February,
And snow on the hilltops laid,
And snowdrops cried
"Abide! Abide!"
But I no longer staid.

The early rains of March I brought,
Released the icebound brook.
The Violets cried
"Abide! Abide!"
But the Violets I forsook.

I brought with April smiles and tears,
And flowers of Eastertide;
The Lilies cried
"Abide! Abide!"
But I left them and they died.

I ushered in the month of May,
Month by the poet cherished.
The May flowers cried
"Abide! Abide!"
But the gentle May flowers perished.

Oh, what is so sweet as a day in June!
Month of the Roses' tourney.
The queens all cried
"Abide! Abide!"
Still I went on my journey.

I let the Rose queens perish,
And brought the July sun.
The Flag flowers cried
"Abide! Abide!"
But my task was yet undone.

With August many a shower I brought,
And many a long hot day.
A Golden Rod cried
"Abide! Abide!"
But I hastened on my way.

Then lovely September's calm cool woods,
With paths that wind and wind;
Her leaves that cried
"Abide! Abide!"
But I left them all behind.

I loved October's rainbow woods,
Through which the fairies play;
Late Asters cried
"Abide! Abide!"
Still I went on my way.

November's chilly wind and rain
Made many a cheerless day;
And wood Ferns cried
"Abide! Abide!"
But I hurried on my way.

I brought December's robe of snow,
That fluttered and danced and sighed;
And Holly cried
"Abide! Abide!"

I want ever the Christmas tide,
When charity, love and hate collide,
And hate goes down on the under side,
But the by-gone years were calling me.

Center Point, W. Va.

Dan Sweeney.

FATHER.

At times they seem beside me everywhere,
The halting steps, the solemn word of prayer
Before the meal.
Calm thoughts of counsel to me steal,
And notes of sacred music roll—
As, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

And, "Cover my defenceless head
With the shadow of Thy wing."
These so oft I've heard him sing,
He who now we say is dead.

I look southwesterly, where Hemlocks rise,
Lifting their heads to the eternal skies—
Shall I not see you there, with ax in hand,
Seeking the Christmas tree that your home band
Will gather? Will not the Christmas star
Shine on our gathered ones from near and far?

To the northwestward then I look,
Beyond the home spring and brook—
To the northwestward on a silent square
Where marble guards keep sentinel, and where
The funeral flowers lie withering on your grave,
While the fall winds the grass about them wave.

He loved that well-kept tract of death
Close to the place where first the breath
Of life he and his children drew;—
Each granite block, each slab he knew,
And which hid balm, and which hid rue.

He lined these lots, he set each stake,
And deemed it sacred task to make
A map, with those age-weakened hands;
His last long work this side Death's sands,
That each lot-owner's name might be
Recorded for posterity.

Shall I not see him on the summer days,
Yardstick in hand, lifting the leaves of maize?
Or, where the draining ditch winds down the land
May I not mark this watchful eye and hand?
Watchful, lest rains o'erflood the streamlet's brink,
Or drouth deprive the cattle of their drink.

Shall I not see, on these same summer days,
His form move through the pleasant garden ways
Where straight green rows, where flowers in bloom,
Brightened the sure path to the tomb?

For he went not as one for long laid by,
But one from well-loved work-ways called to die.
I see him bend o'er map, or will, or deed,
Braiding the ripened corn for next year's seed,
Or leaning on the nearby orchard gate
Where the sleek Holstein calves their feed-hour
[await.

A leafless vine taps at my window pane,
And now I know he will not come again—
Not even when the Swallows skim the plain,
Seeking the gardens. When lost flowers awake,
And red-winged Blackbirds nest in pasture brake.
Yet we who felt his love from childhood years,
Who shared with him life's gladness and life's tears,
We look beyond the broken sods, to see,
In bloom, the flower of Immortality.

Cayuga Co., N. Y.

Cora A. Matson Dolson.

WILTED FLOWERS.

Two children out one day in May,
Picked flowers many, bright and gay:
So many wild flowers did they pull
They soon had hands and aprons full.
The children tired; still fresh and sweet
Grew other flowers at their feet;
But those plucked, as the day grew hot,
Dropped by the way, bemoaned their lot.
"No longer are we loved," they sighed,
Then drooped, and hung their heads, and died.

Georgetown, Ky.

Georgina Pelton.

WHEN THE CHRISTMAS CACTUS BLOOMS.

Dainty buds conceal their color
 Until Santa's on his way;
 Then they open, brighter, fuller,
 Growing fair for Christmas Day;
 How we watch them, counting, summing
 Up the hours their growth consumes:
 For a glad, glad day is coming,
 When the Christmas Cactus blooms.

Some rare purpose owns this flower—
 While outside snow flies and drifts—
 That it chooses Yuletide hour
 To display its crimson gifts.
 Though the winds blow, earth benumbing,
 Wreath the Holly through the rooms,
 For a glad, glad day is coming,
 When the Christmas Cactus blooms.

Then the home o'erflows with gladness;
 Carols float upon the air;
 Aged folks forget their sadness;
 Children frolic, gay and fair.
 Banishing all grudge and friction,
 Love her perfect reign resumes,
 Blossoms breathing benediction;
 When the Christmas Cactus blooms.

Mary E. Van Zandt.

HOLIDAY WISHES.

Many a "Merry Christmas!"
 And many a "Glad New Year!"
 Is a wish for every floral friend,
 With a hope of much good cheer.

May your life be glad as summer,
 As happy as the spring,
 As fruitful as the autumn,
 When the birds are on the wing.

And may many days be holidays,
 As in the winter bright,
 And may your life be always fair,
 Like snowflakes pure and white.

Richmond, Va.

Alvin McAuley.

WINTER.

Cheery winter flutters to the north, the south, the
 Lulling all to rest, [west,
 By autumn's winds caressed.

Cheery winter sings a song of gaiety and cheer,
 Skies are bright and clear,
 Bringing glad New Year.

Cheery winter sends the birds from where they've
 [lingered long,
 But she brings the snowbirds with their chirping
 [winter song,

Snowy winter brings the snow, the ice, the frost,
 She makes the Magpie bold, [the cold,
 She makes the sunset gold.

Snowy winter brings fruit cakes and heaps of
 While the cold winds sigh, [pumpkin pie,
 While the snow floats by.

Snowy winter brings the days of merriment and rest,
 As she softly flutters o'er the north, the south, the
 [west

Fallon, Calif.

Vivian Swanson.

DECEMBER.

The winds shriek o'er the barren hills,
 The snow is drifted deep,
 The fragrant flowers of summer time
 Now take their "beauty sleep."

Ah! true, sweet days have glided by,
 But who would them recall?
 For we know the holy Christmas time
 Is the sweetest time of all.

Center Point, W. Va.

Dan Sweeney.

CHRISTMAS TIME.

Our hearts are young at Christmas time,
 With a youth of long ago,
 We see with eyes so clear and bright,
 And with love the heart doth glow.

We see the scenes of our childhood,
 Be they of high or low degree.
 Our nomes were bright at Christmas time,
 And the children full of glee.

And we see another Christmas time
 In the long, long time ago,
 When the babe within the manger lay,
 With a soul as white as snow.

An infant thought of purity
 That grew in a world of sin.
 'Twas the tares and the wheat side by side that
 But the the tares went down and the wheat [grew, looked
 And later was garnered in. [up.
 Beloit, Wis. E. A. Wood

THE SHORTEST DAY, DECEMBER 21.

I'm glad to see the shortest day,
 For now they will be growing longer,
 Mayhap old Boreas will come,
 And make the winter winds blow stronger.
 But we will have the shining sun,
 And not long evenings dark and dreary,
 And know that spring will soon be here,
 To make our lives more bright and cheery.

O! how I love the sweet spring time,
 With promise of the beauteous summer,
 The darling flowers their buds unfold.
 O! pleasing guest, O! welcome comer.
 But I must wait till old Jack Frost
 Has finished every depredation,
 Has bitten all the trees and flowers,
 And gone away for a vacation.

Osborn, O.

Mary C. Sloan Woodward.

THE SEASONS.

First comes the gentle springtime,
 When nature wakes from sleep;
 When come the rain and sunshine,
 And brooks run fast and deep.

Then comes the brilliant summer
 When perfume fills the gale;
 When the sickles gleam in the meadow,
 And the sun burns hot in the dale.

Next comes the golden autumn
 When bare, brown branches bow,
 And the plows are driven from morn till eve,
 Beneath the golden autumn glow.

Then comes the dreary winter,
 With snow and sleet and hail.
 When swift o'er hill and mountain
 Sweep the strains with dirge-like wail.

Enderlin, N. D.

Ernest Schulz

LINES TO ELLEN.

There is no power, magic, earthy or divine,
 Nor nerve, nor mind, nor muscle, friendly or malign,
 That your sweet self, sweet lips, soft voice, soft
 [hands, dear arms,
 Can banish from my heart. Nay, young, unfailing
 [charms

Weave an ambrosial garland full of fragrant sighs
 Into the mysterious woof of the mind's eyes,
 Pensive I sit, my sheathed pen enthralled,
 My thoughts enchained, imagination overhauled,
 Past kisses crowding, trembling in fluttering array,
 Though Jove objects, eke June. Love will find its
 [way.

Baltimore, Md.

L. K. Hirshberg.

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
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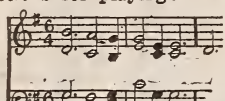
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
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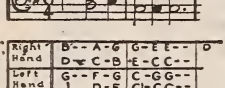
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Geo. M. Davis.

Clinton, S. C., Sept. 8, 1915.

EXCHANGES.

Mrs. N. Adams, Ocean View, N. J., has Ismene, Umbellatum, Zephyranthes, Rainbow Corn and Wedding Bells for rooted monthly Roses.

Mrs. P. A. L. Smith, Cardwell, Va., has Poet's Narcissus bulbs for Lilies, Moss Rose for Dahlia tubers.

Mrs. T. J. Nelson, Spring Lake, Mich., has Gladiolus, Golden Glow, Narcissus, Cosmos, Yucca, Salpiglossis, Fever few, Early white Welsh green Onion, Native Fern, Pink Moss Rose roots, three kinds of Iris.

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EXCHANGES.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

From Missouri.—Mr. Park: I want to tell you how delighted I am with your *Floral Magazine*. It has just what I want to know. I am a dear lover of flowers and house plants, the *Begonia* being my favorite one. I lost a *Begonia* a few years ago and have never been able to find another like it. I will give a brief description and perhaps some one can kindly tell me the name and where I can obtain it. I will gladly exchange other plants for one. The *Begonia* is a rank growing plant, has bright, waxy green leaves and stems growing upright. The leaf resembles in shape the old *Vernon* variety. It does not sprout up like the common *Vernon*. It has a bright red bloom. I am sure it isn't a new variety, and it is not *Pres. Carnot*.

Elkton, Mo. Mrs. Rosa Steward.

From Georgia.—Mr. Park: I am a young lady 26 years old and have taken your *Magazine* for about three years, and enjoy it very much. I have a nice lot of the finest flowers that grow. My favorite flower is the white *American Beauty Rose*. I live on Sand Mountain with my father and mother, who are very old and feeble. Both experienced the civil war. I dearly love the farm with its sweet birds and pretty flowers. The streams are massed with the most beautiful flowers and ferns. I raise the vegetables and flowers; also have plenty of birds and bees. I have nine colonies of bees which I care for. The soil is very sandy here, which produces fruits, vegetables and flowers of the very finest when cultivated. This is a very healthful section, with pure fresh air and mineral waters.

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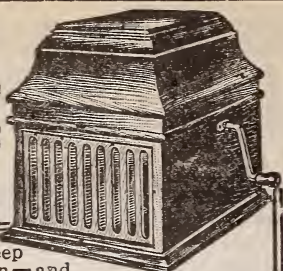
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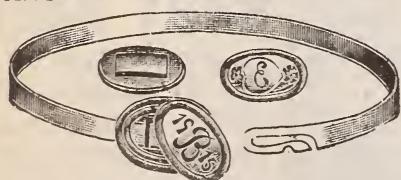
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Bertha M. Twombly

Eastonville, Colo., Jan. 12, 1915.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl and will be 12 years old this month, Oct. 23. I love flowers. I raised Phlox, Pansies, Sweet Peas, Zinnias, Bachelor Buttons, Dahlias, Moss Roses and a package of mixed flower seeds this year. I go a mile to school every day. I am in the sixth grade. I have two sisters, Mamie Lorene, nine years old, and Stella, six years old. I would be glad to exchange letters and cards from some of the Magazine readers.

Lucy Davis.

Vandalia, Ind., Oct. 11, 1915.

Dear Mr. Park:—Mamma takes your darling little Magazine, and I always enjoy reading the Children's Corner. I am 13 years old and in High School. I love school very much. I live in this busy city of Detroit, "where life is worth living." We have a beautiful bed of Roses, pink, red, white and yellow. The Rose is my favorite flower. I will gladly exchange postals or letters with boys or girls who read your Magazine. Perhaps they would like to know about High School life. I enjoy music, but my favorite occupation is reading.

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EXCHANGES.

Mrs. L. A. Place, Morris, N. Y., has white and pink Primula, Coleus, Trailing Gem, yellow Jasmine for Boston Fern, Cactus, or other house plants.

Mrs. Leslie Sowell, Cutter, N. M., has Roses, Lilacs, white Flags, Star Jasmine, Petunias, Honeysuckle, Golden Glow, Madeira, Geraniums for Pæonies, Cannas, Mums, Dahlias, Cape Jasmine, Crepe Myrtle, Gladioli, Iris, Climbing Roses.

Frederick T. R. 1, Box 75, Oak, Neb., has 25 seeds of Blackberry Lily for crazy patch-work block 16x16 in.

Mrs. L. A. Moore, 1530 8th St., Boulder, Colo., has Star of Bethlehem bulbs for Tulips or hardy Narcissus.

Mrs. Jesse Hunt, Unity, Ky. has flower seeds for seeds of Chufas, Lettuce, Radish, Beets, Pumpkin.

Ethel V. Winstead, R. 2, Ianthe, Mo., has 20 Cinnamon Vine potatoes for one Tulip bulb. State color.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl living on a farm of 200 acres. I am 13 years old. I have lots of pets—one pet rooster, 4 bantams, two Canary birds and two dogs. I think your Magazine is nice. My favorite flowers are Pansies, Cockscombs, and Ostrich flower. I have a few house flowers. I think they are nice. Cards exchanged. Charlotte Homrighouse.

Paola, R. 6, Box 49, Kans.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little country girl of 10 years, and am in the fourth grade at school. I go one and one-half miles to school every day. I have five brothers and one sister. Papa keeps one horse named Pet. We have two cows and one calf. My favorite flowers are Roses. We have hogs and sheep. We raise wheat, corn and potatoes. For pets we have one dog named Jack, and have three cats. My grandma takes your Magazine, and we all like to read it. Maples, Mo., Oct. 16, 1915. Pearl Maples.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl 11 years old. I live on a farm of 60 acres. We have 18 head of cattle, about 400 hens, two little pigs, and three horses. We also have five cats, and their names are Teddie, Sambo, Chubbie, Blackie, and Billy. We have one dog and his name is Tippie. Every night when I go to bed he always goes with me, and sleeps with me all night with his head on the pillow like a child. I am very fond of flowers. We have a good many wild flowers. My mother has taken your Magazine for about 30 years. I like it very much. Gardner, Mass. Freda Erickson

Dear Mr. Park:—I have been taking your nice little Magazine, which I like very much. I am 12 years old and in the seventh grade at school. I live about one block from school, I like to go to school very much. I am taking lessons in music. I have a pet cat. We call it Pussy Kitty. When mother plays on the piano it jumps on the keys. My father has a store. I have a sister and a brother. My sister is 15 years old, and Walter is eight years old. I have eight dolls. The one I like best is just like a baby. It has eye lashes, little fat arms and legs, and it is jointed. I have a set of dishes. I like to play. I have parties up in the attic, which is very big. There we play on rainy days. I have some paper dolls, too. I make them. I get mother's old magazines. I take the pretty people's heads and cut around the hair, neck and shoulders. From the shoulders I slant in a V, and then cut out some pretty dresses pasted on narrow slips of paper. I slip the head through in under the dress, and the paper. If you don't understand what I mean write and I will give you one of mine. I want all of you to write even if you do understand. Goodhue, Minn. Cecelia Banitt

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Miss Celia Fineberg, East Quogue, L. I.
Miss Alice Carter, East Quogue, L. I.
Miss Esther Carter, East Quogue, L. I.
Miss Mae Thompson, East Quogue, L. I.
Mrs. E. L. Adams, R. 1, Box 59, Framingham, Mass.
Miss Emma Martin, R. 6, La Fayette, Ga.
Walter Reynolds, Peekskill, N. Y.
Miss Lottie Emory, R. 1, Box 85, Franklin, N. C.
Miss Lottie Pierce, Mohnton, Pa.
Miss Nellie E. Douglas, Wampum, Pa.
Miss Lelia Jones, Woodlawn, Va.
Miss Laura L. Steves, R. 3, Menomone, Wis.
Miss Margaret Fisher, Lewisburg, Tenn.

EXCHANGES.

Mrs. J. D. Brown, Blowing Rock, N. C., has red Impatiens Sultani cuttings for pink, yellow and white; also well-rooted Xmas Cactus for rooted Poinsettia.

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Anna R. Mudge.

Greene, R. 1, N. Y., Oct. 10, 1915.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farmer's girl, and think there is not anything better than farm life. My age is between 12 and 17. To the one guessing my age I will send a long letter about western Texas. I weigh between 70 and 100 pounds. I have blue eyes and dark hair, and fair complexion. I am four feet 9 inches in height. My school will start the middle of next month. I will be in the sixth grade.
Olgalie Waldrop.

Anson, R. 3, Tex., Oct. 11, 1915.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a happy little middle Tennessee girl of 16 years. My birthday is Aug. 5th. Who else has that day? I have brown hair and eyes, and am five feet, three inches tall. We live on a farm of 200 acres two miles from town. We take your Magazine and we like it fine. I raise lots of pretty flowers, but I have no favorite. I go to High School and am a Junior. I like to go to school and I mean to go to college when I finish here. My oldest brother has a motorcycle and I enjoy riding with him.
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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl 18 years of age, living on a large farm about one mile from town. I am a great lover of flowers, and my favorite flower is the Dahlia. Every summer we have a row of Dahlias or Zinnias in our garden. I have taken your Magazine for several years, and do not see how I could do without it. I would enjoy corresponding with some of the readers of your Magazine.

Rema Kinzer.

Carmel, R. 33, Box 61, Ind., Oct. 30, 1915.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 13 years old and live on a farm. I have taken your Magazine for nearly a year and like it very much. I have a Pony. Its name is Nellie. I have two brothers. Their names are Vincent and Wilbert. I go to school every day. We live four miles from a railroad. There are 34 that go to the school I do. I have lots of fun. I like to read the Children's Corner. I had lots of flowers this summer. There are lots of Roses along the road in front of our house. Violets are my favorite flowers. We have five trees in front of our house. My cousin put a swing in one tree, and we swing there lots. I raised some chickens this summer.

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